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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, August 28, 2011**. Soil moisture was rated 16 percent very short, 39 percent short, 44 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Last week was hot and dry for most of the state. The hot weather has helped to mature crops and allowed harvest to accelerate, however, dryland yields have suffered. There have been reports of problems with lodged rice in some areas. Armyworms have continued to put pressure on hay fields and pastures.

Crop progress for week ending August 28, 2011				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, dent	100	99	100	100
Corn, mature	94	85	96	94
Corn, harvested	51	29	69	52
Cotton, setting bolls	100	99	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	31	12	68	46
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	84	82	84	84
Rice, headed	100	99	100	98
Rice, mature	45	20	85	56
Rice, harvested	16	2	36	12
Sorghum, coloring	90	82	99	97
Sorghum, mature	69	38	95	78
Sorghum, harvested	18	3	28	35
Soybeans, setting pods	99	98	99	99
Soybeans, turning color	46	22	68	64
Soybeans, dropping leaves	18	7	47	43
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	4	1	7	4
Watermelons, harvested	100	100	100	100

Crop condition for week ending August 28, 2011					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	17	20	37	15	11
Cotton	2	8	27	44	19
Hay	9	17	35	36	3
Livestock	3	16	39	35	7
Pasture	15	19	36	28	2
Peanuts	0	7	31	45	17
Rice	1	8	23	44	24
Sorghum	3	9	40	42	6
Soybeans	5	11	25	45	14
Sweet Potatoes	1	6	22	52	19

Comments

“Most dryland corn and early soybeans have been harvested. Rice harvest is underway with good yields, but lodged rice is an issue for many farmers. Aflatoxin also remains a problem for some growers, especially on dryland acres. Harvested fields are already being prepped for next year, while the farmers wait for other crops to mature for harvest.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“The heat is helping mature crops just in time for harvest to begin.”

— Brent Gray, Yalobusha

“Recent hot weather coupled with no rainfall has the area very dry. This has been welcome news for hay production but not for crops.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Most of this area is approaching drought conditions similar to the extended drought of early to mid summer. This situation will reduce yields of soybeans and cotton in dryland culture.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Producers are busy baling hay and shipping it to Texas to help with the drought situation. Armyworms continue to be a problem in hayfields and pastures.”

— Shelby Bearden, Copiah

“Corn and grain sorghum harvest should move along nicely this week. We are still spraying for insects in cotton and soybeans.”

— Don Respass, Quitman

“Corn Harvest is in full swing. Irrigated corn yielding good. Dryland corn suffered and the yields are reflecting this at harvest. Early maturity group soybeans are also being harvested. Yields vary there also. Hay production is fast coming to the end of the season. Everyone is just hoping to beat the Hurricane season.”

—Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The most common question is about the continued heavy pressure of army worms in pasture and hay. They are starting to overlap generations so we are getting continuous pressure. Corn harvest is starting as the corn dries in the field.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Corn harvest is all but wrapping up and rice harvest is about at the half way point. The dry air mass that moved over us last week has really pushed beans and cotton along. I anticipate a lot of bean acres to be harvested this upcoming week. Cotton defoliation started going out pretty heavy last week, which means pickers will be going to the fields the latter part of the week to come.”

— Preston Aust, Humphreys

“A dry week has allowed harvest to progress rapidly with some producers even being "caught up." Some small acreages of dryland cotton have been picked but no gins of started up to see how it is turning out yet.”

— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Harvest is in full force with all crops being gathered.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“There has been a lot of hay put on the ground this past week with all the dry and hot weather that we have experienced. Forages seem to have really slowed down in growth with these conditions as well. Some are getting winter forage ground ready for planting but will have to wait for some rain to get anything up.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Hot dry weather is aiding in corn harvest but soybeans are losing ground each day.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Due to the dry conditions, fields where hay that has been harvested in the last 2 weeks are not greening back up as they should. Quality of hay pastures is low due to drought conditions.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Rain is needed. We still have very dry conditions in the county.”

— Thomas E. Brewer, Jefferson Davis

“Hot and dry conditions remain; some scattered showers in the afternoons give a little relief. Ponds are really low and some have dried up. Beef producers are scrambling to bale hay during this dry air spell. Some hay being sold to Texas Producers. Cotton is filling bolls and peanuts look real good.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending August 28, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Cleveland	100	74	85	81	4	0.00	-0.57	0	4.62
Lambert 5E	99	66	82			0.00	-0.70	0	3.40
Tunica 2	97	66	81	79	2	0.14	-0.40	1	2.77
Extreme/Average	100	66	83	79	4	0.05	-0.51	0	3.60
North-Central									
Batesville	98	64	81	78	3	0.00	-0.63	0	1.27
Hickory Flat	97	62	80	77	3	0.00	-0.83	0	3.98
Holly Springs	98	60	80	76	4	0.00	-0.76	0	1.52
Independence 1W	95	64	80	78	2	0.00	-0.70	0	2.75
University	98	63	82	78	4	0.00	-0.78	0	1.26
Extreme/Average	98	60	81	78	3	0.00	-0.73	0	2.38
Northeast									
Booneville	94	65	80	77	3	0.00	-0.77	0	2.94
Corinth City	96	65	81	79	2	0.00	-0.73	0	3.15
Pontotoc Exp	95	66	82	79	3	0.00	-0.73	0	3.91
Verona Exp	98	66	83	79	4	0.00	-0.91	0	3.10
Extreme/Average	98	65	82	78	4	0.00	-0.73	0	3.28
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	98	68	84	80	4	0.00	-0.56	0	1.52
Moorhead	98	69	83	80	3	0.00	-0.52	0	0.45
Rolling Fork	100	67	84	80	4	0.21	-0.35	2	4.55
Yazoo City 5NNE	102	67	86	81	5		-0.70	0	1.03
Extreme/Average	102	67	84	80	4	0.05	-0.51	1	1.89
Central									
Canton	99	63	83	80	3	0.31	-0.33	1	1.32
Carthage 3SW	100	68	86	79	7	0.32	-0.45	1	1.03
Forest 3S	100	63	82	79	3	0.45	-0.46	1	2.18
Kosciusko	98	73	85	80	5	0.00	-0.70	0	2.61
Winona 5E	94	67	81	76	5	0.00	-0.70	0	2.19
Extreme/Average	100	63	83	79	4	0.22	-0.50	1	1.87
East-Central									
Aberdeen	96	67	83	78	5	0.00	-0.65	0	3.63
Columbus	99	70	85	80	5	0.00	-0.84	0	3.54
Macon 2E	98	66	83	79	4	0.00	-0.83	0	0.63
Philadelphia 1W	97	70	84	79	5	0.69	-0.08	2	0.99
State University	99	67	84	79	5	0.00	-0.72	0	1.80
Extreme/Average	99	66	84	79	5	0.14	-0.59	0	2.12
Southwest									
Brookhaven City	99	70	84	79	5	0.20	-0.78	3	0.92
Crystal Springs	99	67	84	80	4	0.59	-0.28	2	1.71
Natchez	99	66	84	80	4	0.05	-0.86	1	0.30
Vicksburg	99	64	84			0.00		0	1.45
Extreme/Average	99	64	84	80	4	0.21	-0.70	2	0.88
South-Central									
Collins	98	67	83	79	4	0.10	-0.81	1	0.45
Columbia	99	68	85	80	5	0.44	-0.54	2	1.89
Monticello	104	67	87	80	7	0.18	-0.68	1	2.38
Raleigh	97	63	82			0.00		0	1.61
Extreme/Average	104	63	84	80	4	0.18	-0.80	1	1.58
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	98	70	83	81	2	1.92	0.87	2	2.92
Laurel	99	68	85	80	5	0.63	-0.28	2	6.42
Newton Exp	101	70	85	79	6	0.88	0.05	2	1.76
Waynesboro 2W	99	65	84	79	5	0.47	-0.32	1	2.55
Extreme/Average	101	65	84	80	4	0.98	0.14	2	3.41
State	104	60	83	79	4	0.24	-0.52	1	2.24

DFN =Departure from Normal.